

use my influence and my vote to elect Republicans who share this ideal.

Finally, integrity is a vital Republican value. We must elect officials who will do what they believe is right even if it is not popular or easy. Karl G. Maeser, an educator, once said,

I have been asked what I mean by my word of honor . . . Place me behind prison walls . . . there is a possibility that in some way or another I may be able to escape, but stand me on that floor and draw a chalk line around me and have me give my world of honor never to cross it. Can I get out? No, never! I'd die first!

We need public officials who will abide by their word of honor, not the shifting of polls and public opinion. I have sought to be honest with all people, even if it is not to my advantage. The reward of integrity is trust, which is broken much easier than it is built. Our country has suffered from the lack of integrity in our leaders, I hope that we can find leaders who can restore honor and integrity to public offices. As a mother and a teacher, I will instill the value of honesty into my children and students. I will teach them that their word of honor defines their character.

I know that there are many problems with our current system of government. I also believe, however, that they can be reformed if the ideals of responsibility, service, and integrity, are utilized. Despite imperfections, I know that our country is the best in the world. I am grateful and proud to be an American."

#### A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING BASEL ALLOUSH

#### HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 25, 2003*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker,

Whereas, Basel Alloush graduated from Kent State University on December 14, 2002; and

Whereas, Basel Alloush earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and Marketing; and

Whereas, Basel Alloush has demonstrated a strong devotion to academics; and

Whereas, Basel Alloush should be commended for reaching this milestone;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Basel Alloush for his distinguished achievement.

#### COMMENDING ALEXANDRA SCOTT FOR HER EFFORTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

#### HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 25, 2003*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker; I rise today to commend my constituent, 7-year-old Alexandra Scott, for the work she is doing to raise money for those living with cancer.

Alex was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a cancer of the nervous system, when she was just a year old. Six years later, she has had six surgeries and still undergoes chemo-

therapy treatments at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

When Alex was four, she told her mother that she wanted to have a lemonade stand and give the money that she made to her hospital in Connecticut, where they lived at the time. In July of 2000, Alex started her first lemonade stand and raised over \$2000. Shortly thereafter, the Scott family moved to Wynnewood, Pennsylvania. Each summer, Alex has opened her lemonade stand with proceeds going to help others battling cancer.

So far, Alex has raised over \$80,000 for cancer research. Money has been donated to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Connecticut Children's Medical Center, and Toireasa's Dream, a neuroblastoma research fund set up in memory of Alex's friend, Toireasa Barry. The Philadelphia Foundation recently presented Alex with its "Philanthropist of the Year" award.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in applauding Alexandra Scott on her accomplishments and in sending her our prayers for her recovery. May she continue to serve as a role model for all of us.

#### ESSAY BY HEATHER MACPHEE

#### HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 25, 2003*

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to read the essay of Heather MacPhee, a member of the Valley Center Teenage Republican Club.

"As a sophomore at Valley Center High School, I had a basic idea of where I stood in the world. Despite my lack of experience and knowledge, I knew that I valued being a conservative woman in a time of uncertainty and compromise. I was confident in my beliefs, but could not effectively defend or even explain my reasoning. That was the year I became involved with the Teenage Republican Club, and now I have no doubts that I have the knowledge to proudly register as a Republican voter.

Two seniors I admired and looked up to introduced me to the Teenage Republican Club. Melissa Hill and Nicolette Lawrence were smart young women that I respected very much. I hoped to be like them when I was a senior and was extremely flattered when they recommended me for the 2-1 Federation for Republican Women Advocacy Workshop. While at the Advocacy, I was exposed to the true enthusiasm of the Republican Party. During the short two days in Sacramento, I learned from party members, including state legislators, where Republican stood on big issues and the little known issues. I learned from first hand experience how our state government operates and the importance of individuals in our society. Since the Advocacy, I have done my best to be involved in my political surroundings.

T.A.R.S. has given me the opportunity to fulfill my desires to play an active role in local government. Until last week, I was unable to vote, but through T.A.R.S. I assisted other people in taking advantage of their right to vote. I have registered voters at North County Fair and encouraged seniors around me to cast their votes. I have also assisted with the Federated Republican Women's Club fundraiser so that they could adequately publicize, encourage, educate, and spread Republican ideals. I personally feel the most satisfaction from being a leader, I

know that the biggest impact I will make will be through my actions and not my words. With this in mind, I attempt to live each day in accordance to my faith and values which are inherently Republican. The best expression of my thoughts happens to be from the Republican Oath:

"I believe that Americans value and should preserve their feeling of national strength and pride, and at the same time, share with people everywhere a desire for peace and freedom and the extension of human rights throughout the world. Finally, I believe that the Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles of government."

As I grow older, my appreciation for the freedoms of this country and the enthusiasm behind my beliefs will only become greater. I hope to take advantage of all opportunities to vote and never lose sight of the direction of our government. I will continue to serve our nation through my career and participation in the political process. I will also continue to proudly support the Grand Old Party.

#### A PROCLAMATION HONORING MONSIGNOR PAUL E. METZGER ON THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORINATION

#### HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 25, 2003*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker,

Whereas, Monsignor Paul E. Metzger celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination on April 17, 2003; and

Whereas, Monsignor Paul E. Metzger should be commended for his faithfulness to the church; and

Whereas, Monsignor Paul E. Metzger served as a pastor for the St. John Church in Bellaire, Ohio for 26 years; and

Whereas, Monsignor Paul E. Metzger continues to serve the community of Middletown as the Director of Residential Individual Options and through his dedication to the Holy Family Parish;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District in recognizing Monsignor Paul E. Metzger as he celebrates the 60th Anniversary of Ordination.

#### DEEPLY ROOTED PRINCIPLES

#### HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 25, 2003*

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to read the essay of Patrick Anibaldi, a member of the Valley Center Teenage Republican Club. He is currently a senior at Valley Center High School.

"As an active Teenage Republican Club (TARS) member for the past two years, I have come to realize what the Republican tenets are all about. The Republican Party has been around for quite a while now proving that it can stand the test of time. Over these years the GOP has also shown that it's economic and social policy are fully capable of leading this country into times of economic expansion